

HUMAN SERVICES

SUMMARY OF LEVEL OF SERVICES INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CITIES TO DATE

Burien currently contracts with several nonprofits for an array of human services ranging from basic nutrition, emergency shelter, housing, educational support to non-English Speaking families, senior programs and youth outreach. Those contracts will be further expanded in 2007 when the city commits one percent of its budget to human services.

In an annexation decision, Burien would negotiate a continuity of services commitment with King County, the major human services provider for all cities in King County. We also propose to work within the existing network of non-profit agencies and community service system already serving North Highline.

Burien is a founding member of the South King County Human Services Forum--a coalition of local governments representing over 600,000 people. The Forum's mission is to coordinate local response to regional human service issues in cooperation with private and nonprofit service providers. Councilmember Lamphear is the Chair of the Forum.

Burien would use its current model of contracting for human and community services. This service delivery approach allows the city to best match the needs of our citizens to efficient and effective provision of services.

City of Burien parks and recreation services are coordinated by Burien's Parks Department, which integrates parks, arts, recreation, senior and community services. This combination allows us to serve residents of all ages with a variety of services depending on their needs, ages and financial ability and promote genuine community connections across areas. We provide "scholarship" services to children if their families are eligible for free or reduced school lunch services. We partner for families to have day care, language training, teen leadership and community service, outdoor environmental education and beach experiences, art training programs. We jointly fund and manage a senior services program for North Highline and Burien.

The City of Burien's Parks and Recreation Department works with the Highline School District in developing and offering after school programs and classes at several schools. It has also taken a lead role in the support of a Teen Leadership Council, working to develop outreach programs to older youth and offering community service and other opportunities for community leadership. The Department's recreation programs for children and youth also include teen trips, special events, a summer daycamp program and other special interest classes.

Burien's Levels of City Services:

- **Neighborhood Services**
 - Neighborhood Matching Fund
 - Online community resource directory
- **Senior Center**
 - Burien Community Center
 - Park of King County system (see King County data)
 - Senior Rights Assistance

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- Attorney for Consultation
- Meals on Wheels
- Health Enrichment Program
- Senior Shuttle
- King County Metro Bus Passes & Other Transportation Options
- Volunteer Transportation
- Foot Care Clinic
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Hearing Aid Awareness
- Lunches
- Vision Screening
- Defensive Driving Course
- Various classes
- **Mental Health Services**
 - Included in the King County Program
- **Other Social Programs**
 - Part of the King County CDBG Consortium which provides CDBG funds for projects serving low and moderate income residents. Also includes participation in the King County Housing Finance Program, Housing Stability Program, and Housing Repair Program. (see King County data)
 - King County & Suburban City (non-Seattle) Housing & Community Development Consortium:
 - Housing repair assistance
 - Homelessness prevention
 - Assistance Financing Affordable Housing Development
 - Housing Development Technical Assistance to non-profit
 - Affordable Housing Planning Assistance
 - Anti-Predatory Lending support
 - Also see Other program available to all jurisdictions in King County for additional programs that apply in Burien.
 - Online Community resource directory
 - Facilities.
 - Ruth Dykeman Children's Center-Youth and Family Services
 - Southwest Youth and Family Services.
- **Public Health**
 - Part of King County Public Health Department
 - Serves residents of King County including Seattle
 - Most Public Health Centers are open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Many clinics also offer evening hours.
 - Burien provides extra funding to the Youth Health Center..

Sources:

Governance Study Community Meeting, sponsored by the North Highline Unincorporated Area Council, September 15, 2005, levels of City Services [with amendments 9/22/05], Nesbitt Planning & Management, Inc.
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Seattle is a leader in the provision of programs and services that support children and youth on a city-wide basis. These programs will be made available to residents of areas annexed into the City of Seattle.

Examples of programs/services include, but are not limited to (subject to meeting eligibility requirements):

- Child care subsidy services
- Full range of children and family support services
- Funding for school-based health center (high & middle schools)
- Funding for community health centers
- Oral Health Field Dental (for at-risk children in schools, child care & head start programs)
- Primary Care - Medical & Dental Access Services (uninsured & underinsured low-income residents of Seattle)
- Full range of youth recreation programs and community centers
- Youth educational support programs, through the Seattle Families & Education Levy (for those Highline School District students that would be residents areas annexed by Seattle)

Seattle's Levels of City Services:

- **Neighbor-hood Services**
 - Neighborhood Service Centers: 13 for city; Delridge is closest at present
 - Neighborhood Matching Fund
 - City Neighborhood Council
 - P-Patch Community Garden Fund
 - Citizen Service Bureau
 - Human services referrals /resources
- **Senior Center**
 - South Park Senior Center
 - Program:
 - Part of King County system (see King County data)
- **Mental Health Services**
 - Included in the King County program
- **Other Social Programs**
 - Program:
 - Assistance and transportation for chronic public inebriates
 - Outreach, case management and chemical dependency treatment and prevention services for youth of color and sexual minority youth involved in substance abuse and at-risk of juvenile justice system involvement

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- Office of Housing initiatives
- **Public Health**
 - Part of King County Public Health Department
 - Enhanced services for Seattle residents (Seattle pays the Health Dept. extra for these services):
 - Health Care for the Homeless
 - Child Dental Field Program
 - Methadone Treatment Vouchers
 - Prenatal HIV prevention
 - Best Beginnings: nursing visits for young, low-income first-time pregnant women
 - Access and Outreach to health care coverage and other needed services for low-income and the uninsured & high-risk pregnant and parenting women in minority communities
 - HIV/AIDS Care
 - Needle Exchange
 - Enhanced Tuberculosis Control for Homeless
 - Primary Care – Medical, Dental and Access Services for uninsured and underinsured low income residents

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